

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is requested. Claims 2-11 and 16-38 are in this application. Claims 2, 5, 17, and 18 have been amended. Claims 1 and 12-15 have been cancelled. Claims 27-38 have been added to alternately and additionally recite the present invention.

The Examiner objected to claim 1 due to a typographical error in the first isolation section. In addition, the Examiner rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by prior art FIGS. 1A-1B and 2A-2B. As noted above, claim 1 has been cancelled.

The Examiner objected to claims 2-26 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten to be in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 2 and 18 have been rewritten to be in independent form, and are believed to include all of the limitations of claim 1. Claims 3-11 and 16-26 have not been amended as these claims depend either directly or indirectly from either claim 2 or claim 18. Claims 5 and 17 have also been amended to correct inadvertent errors.

New claim 27 depends indirectly from claim 2, and is patentable for the same reasons as claim 2. New claim 28 recites a limitation that is similar to the limitation recited by original claim 2, and is believed to be patentable for the same reasons as original claim 2. New claims 29-38 depend either directly or indirectly from claim 28, and are patentable for the same reasons as claim 28.

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Thus, for the foregoing reasons, it is submitted that all of the claims are in a condition for allowance. Therefore, the Examiner's early re-examination and reconsideration are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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